

**Testimony on HB 5044**  
**Office of Early Childhood Budget**

Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and Member of the Committee:

My name is Kelly Mosher. I am a parent of a preschool child at Torrington Child Care Center, a state funded center, in Torrington, CT.

I believe the state funded programs need to continue to be funded.

If my child's day care program did not get funded and had to close my children would not have the Education that they have had for the past 2 years. My one child has special needs and the teachers at the center helped to get him referred and get services. This was very important because he is getting the help he needs before going to Kindergarten.

I send my children to this program as they are a high quality NAEYC accredited program. I chose them because they are close to my home and I could afford their sliding fee scale. My children love going to school and without this program I could not afford to send them to pre-school.

Please be sure to keep the state funded child day care center funding intact.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kelly Mosher in cursive script.